

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification at page 8, line 18, please replace the paragraph which starts with “Preferred enzymes” with the following amended paragraph:

Preferred enzymes can be isolated from the *Lactobacillus* strains *L. paracasei* DSM 20207 (DSM 15755) and DSM 2649 (DSM 15751), *L. delbrueckii* DSM 20074 (DSM 15754), *L. sakei* DSM 20017 (DSM 15753) and *L. oris* DSM 4864 (DSM 15752). These strains are available from the ~~DSM (Deutsche Stammsammlung für Zellkulturen und Mikroorganismen; German Strain Collection of cell cultures and microorganisms)~~ DSMZ (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH; German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Inhoffenstraße 7 B, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

In the specification at page 38, line 15, please replace the paragraph which starts with “In connection with” with the following amended paragraph:

In connection with the present invention, the following microorganisms of the DSMZ, which are available to the public, were redeposited on 11th July 2003 in accordance with the rules of the Budapest Treaty with DSMZ (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH; German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Inhoffenstraße 7 B, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany).